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In re Application of:)
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Based on Int'l Application No.: PCT/EP2004/009048) Examiner: Not yet assigned
International Filing Date: 12 August 2004) Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: Herewith)
For: **USE OF BIOTIN OR A BIOTIN DERIVATIVE**)
FOR SKIN LIGHTENING PURPOSES AND FOR)
THE TREATMENT OF SENILE LENTIGINES)

New York, New York
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the amendment set forth below. Because this Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-identified application, no fee is believed due. If, however, a fee is due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.